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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CHIANG ET AL.

Examiner

Mohammad Ali

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Renard (5,502,979) in view of Hansen et al. (3,741,242). Renard discloses a refrigerated display cabinet comprising an insulated (a refrigerated cabinet is inherently insulated) cabinet 50 defining a product display area/shelves 1 maintained in a refrigerated condition at a temperature above 32 degree F (refrigerated space excluding freezer space is obviously at a temperature above 32 degrees F) and having a compartment 37 separate from the product display area 1 an evaporator 28 disposed in the compartment 37; at least one air circulator 29 disposed within the compartment 37 in cooperative relationship with the evaporator 28; and an air circulation circuit (23-26) connecting the product display area 1 and in direct air flow communication with the compartment 37. Renard discloses the invention substantially as claimed as stated above. See Fig. 2. However, Renard does not disclose a relatively high-pressure drop evaporator. Hansen et

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al. teach the use of a high-pressure drop evaporator in a refrigeration system for the purpose of running a refrigeration system. See column 3, lines 20-23. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the refrigerated display cabinet of Renard in view of Hansen et al. such that a high-pressure drop evaporator could be provided to in order to run a refrigeration system.

Claims 9-11,13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Renard in view of Hansen et al. as applied to claim 6 above, and further in view of Car et al. (5,157,941). Renard in view of Hansen et al. discloses the invention substantially as claimed as stated above. However, Renard in view of Hansen et al., does not disclose a fin density of at least 6 fins per inch. Car et al. teach the use of an evaporator having a fin density of 8 fins per inch in an evaporator for the purpose of running a refrigeration system. See column 3, lines 57. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the refrigerated display cabinet of Renard in view of Hansen et al. and further in view of Car et al. such that an evaporator with a fin density of 8 fins per inch could be provided to in order to run a refrigeration system.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Renard in view of Hansen et al and Car et al. as applied to claim 9 above, and further in view of Navarro (6,145,327). Renard in view of Hansen et al. and Car et al. discloses the invention substantially as claimed as stated above. However Renard in view of Hansen et al. and Car et al. does not disclose a plurality of fans. Navarro teaches the use of a plurality of fans 16 along an evaporator coil 17 in a refrigerated case for the purpose of running a refrigeration system. Fig. 7. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was

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made to modify the refrigerated display cabinet of Renard in view of Hansen et al., Car et al. and further in view of Navarro such that a plurality of fans could be provided to in order to run a refrigeration system. For spacing the fan at a specific distance of 2 feet is an obvious choice of the individual skilled in the art since there is no criticality or unexpected result from it

Response to Arguments


Applicant's arguments filed 09/30/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The Applicant argued "As is clear from the specification, when Applicants refer to a 'high pressure drop evaporator' in claim 6, the reference is to a high pressure drop on the airflow side. That is, that the airflow passing through the evaporator, i.e. over the outside surface of the tubes, experiences a high-pressure drop when traversing the evaporator. In Hansen et al., the pressure drop mentioned refers to the drop in pressure of the refrigerant circulating through the evaporator tubes. The text in Hansen et al., cited by the Examiner specifically states that "very long and restrictive circuits which result in relatively high pressure drop as the refrigerant passes through the evaporator". Emphasis added). Applicants respectfully submits that Hansen et al does not teach and can not properly be read to teach, the use of an evaporator exhibiting a high pressure drop on the air side. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 6 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Renard, U.S. Patent 5,502,979, in view of Hansen et al., U.S. Patent 3,741,242." The Examiner disagrees. Claim 6 does not contain any feature air side high-pressure drop evaporator. Claim 6 is broad enough to be rejected by the combination Renard and Hansen et al. Accordingly, the Examiner combined the above two referenced to meet the claimed invention. Therefore, rejection is proper.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammad Ali whose telephone number is 703-308-5032. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Esquivel Denise can be reached on 703-308-2597. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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